

Tool Output Integration Framework (TOIF) DHS SBIR Project briefing

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SBIR topic: Software Testing and Vulnerability Analysis

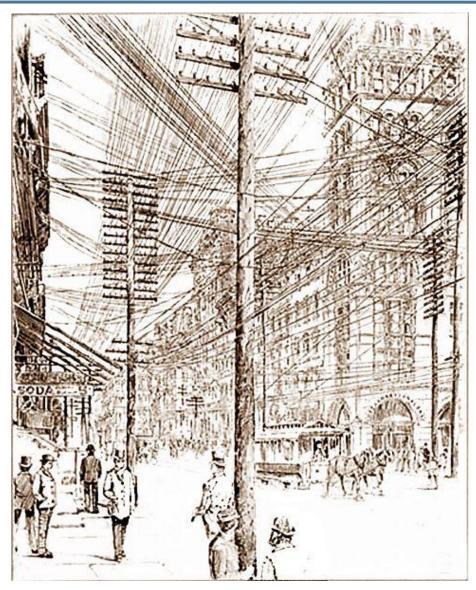
Problem

Effective and systematic measurement of the risks posed by software vulnerabilities

Challenge

- One of the key challenges is that analysis solution consists of multiple tools, information sources and services that are currently fragmented lacking intuitive and efficient integration due to
 - Inconsistency in the nomenclature of reported vulnerabilities caused by ambiguity of vulnerability definitions (inconsistency in interpretation of CWE instances)
 - Lack of agreement on what are the parts of vulnerability to report what constitutes vulnerability report
 - Lack of interoperability that is based on common definition of system artifacts

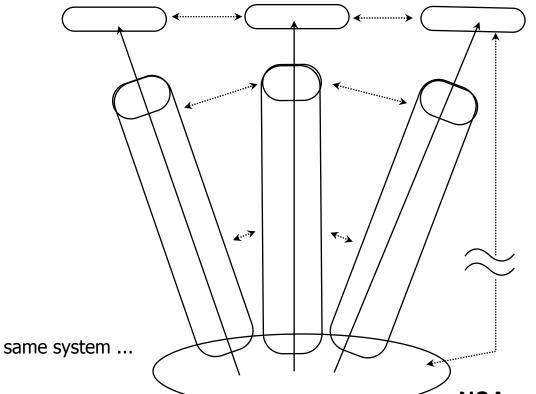
Integration issues



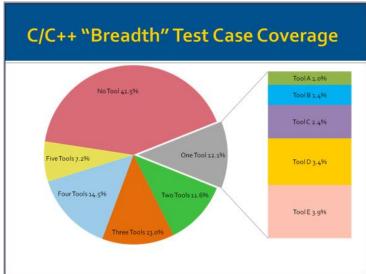
The problem

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... incompatible vulnerability findings



Traditional vulnerability analysis and testing tools are built as "silos" making it difficult to correlate findings



Source: NSA report, 2009

NSA reported 84% non overlapping results

Source or machine code

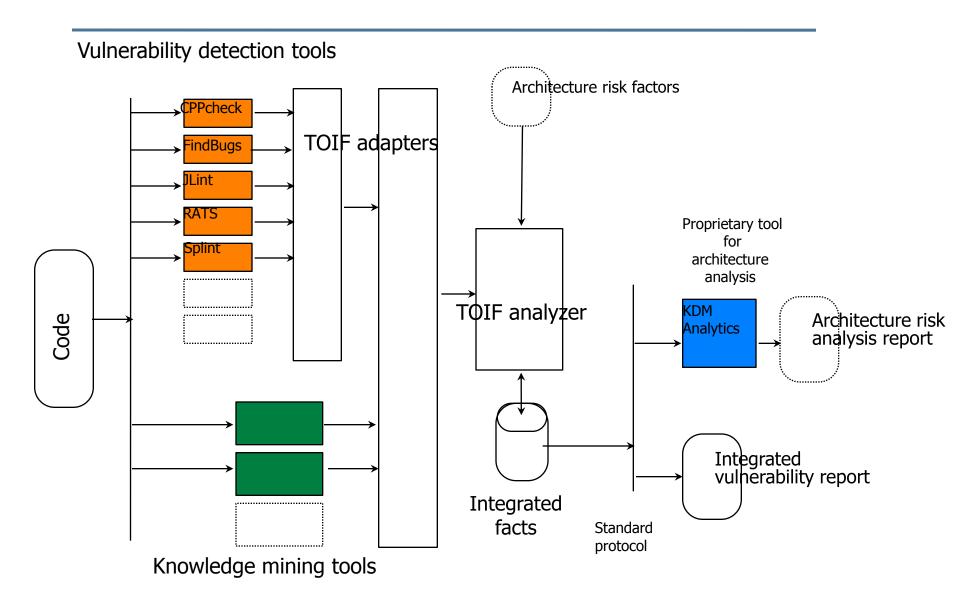
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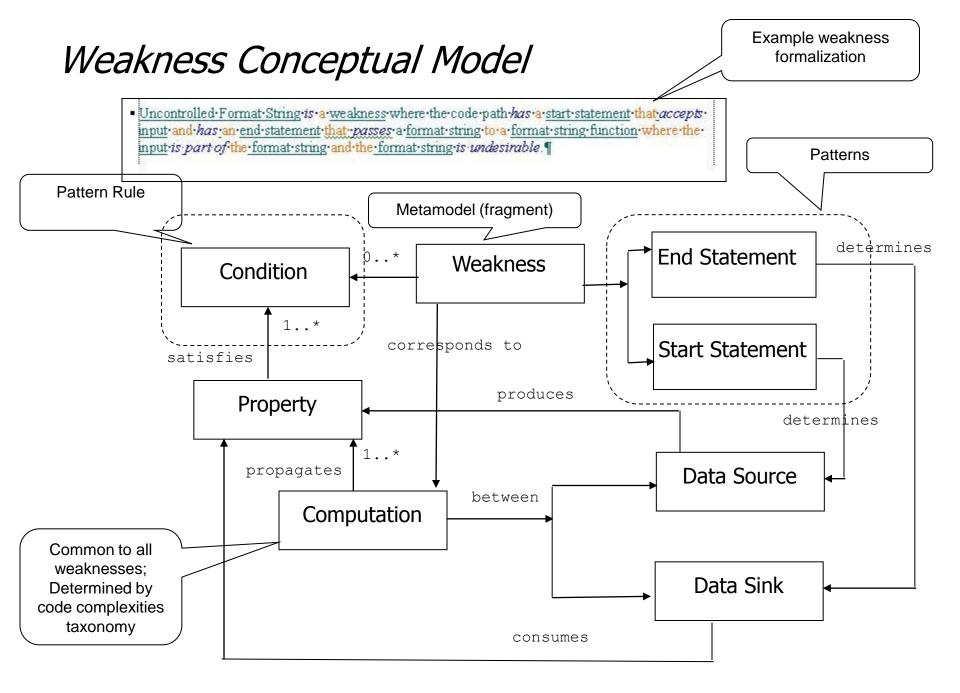
- Creating next-generation composite vulnerability analysis tool on top of existing off-the-shelf vulnerability detection tools
- Improving the breadth and accuracy of vulnerability analysis
- Improving the rigor of assessments by bringing vulnerability detection into architecture context
- Normalizing vulnerability reporting protocols
- Leveraging OMG Software Assurance Ecosystem standards and formalizations of CWE content

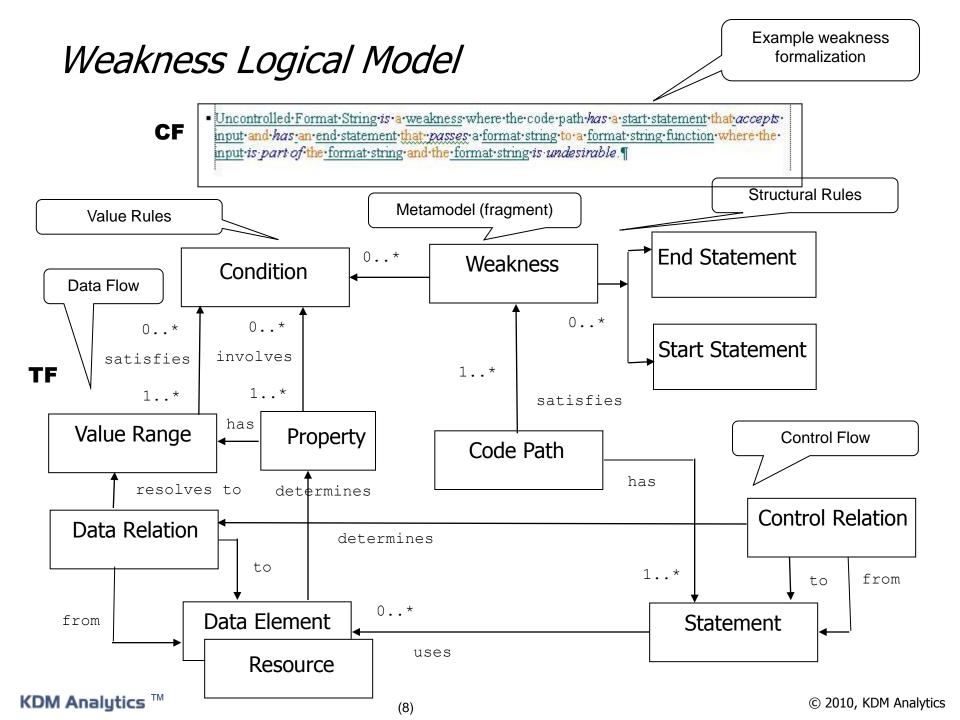
Delivering open source product: analyzer and run time framework for integrating findings of vulnerability detection tools including integration of 5 existing open source vulnerability analyzers.

In addition proprietary architecture analysis tool will be integrated to show greater value when viewing CWEs within the architecture content.

TOIF Architecture







The Tools' Output Integration Framework Fact-oriented integration

- Capability to integrate multiple vulnerability detection tools as "data feeds" into the repository
 - Based on a common protocol for exchanging vulnerability findings
 - Achieved through normalizing vocabularies across multiple tools
- Capability to collate findings from several tools
- Capability to put vulnerability findings into the context of other facts about the system (such as metrics, architecture, design patterns, etc.)
 - Based on existing standard protocol for exchanging system facts, the OMG Knowledge Discovery Metamodel (KDM),
 - now ISO/IEC 19506
- As the result: single integrated repository of high-fidelity facts about a software system

Integration points

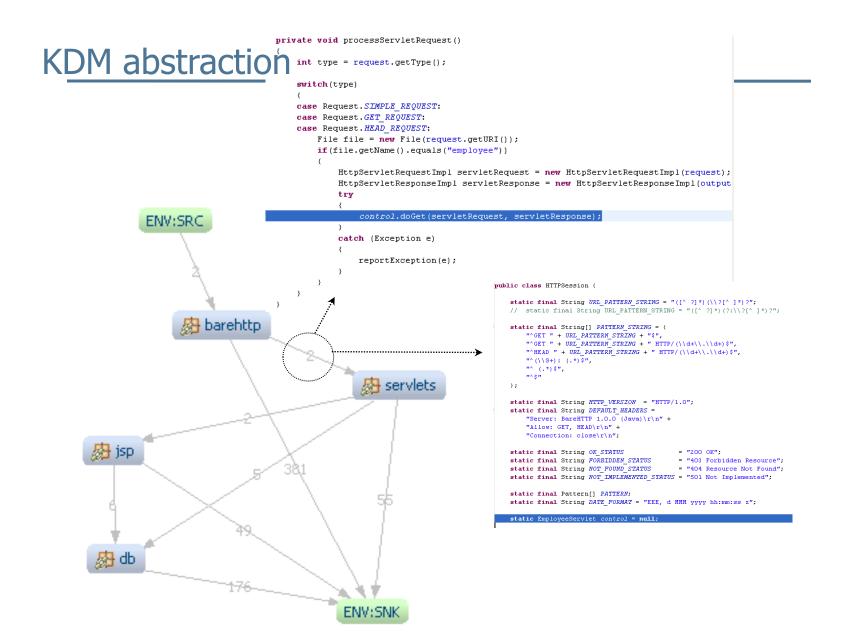
- Nomenclature of the vulnerability (CWE)
- Location of the vulnerability
 - basic: file, linenumber, position
 - advanced: system facts
 - procedure, method, statement, call, read, etc
 - scenario
- Pattern
 - sink
 - source

KDM code facts

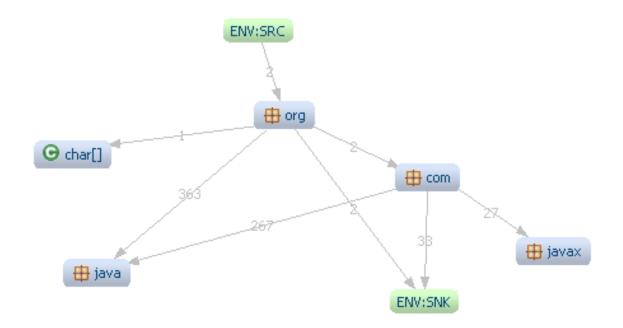
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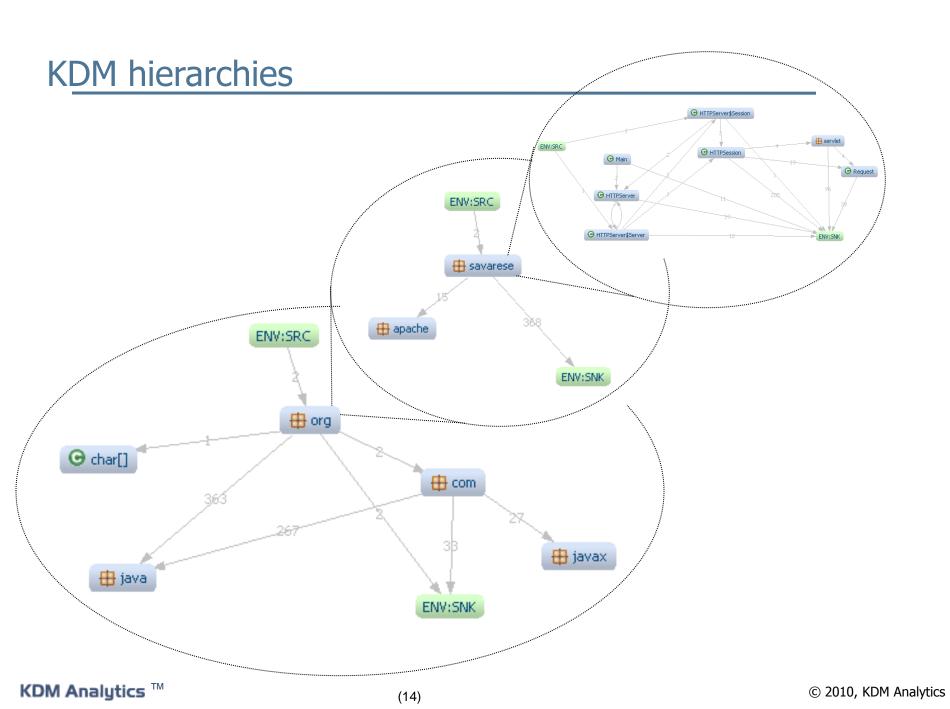
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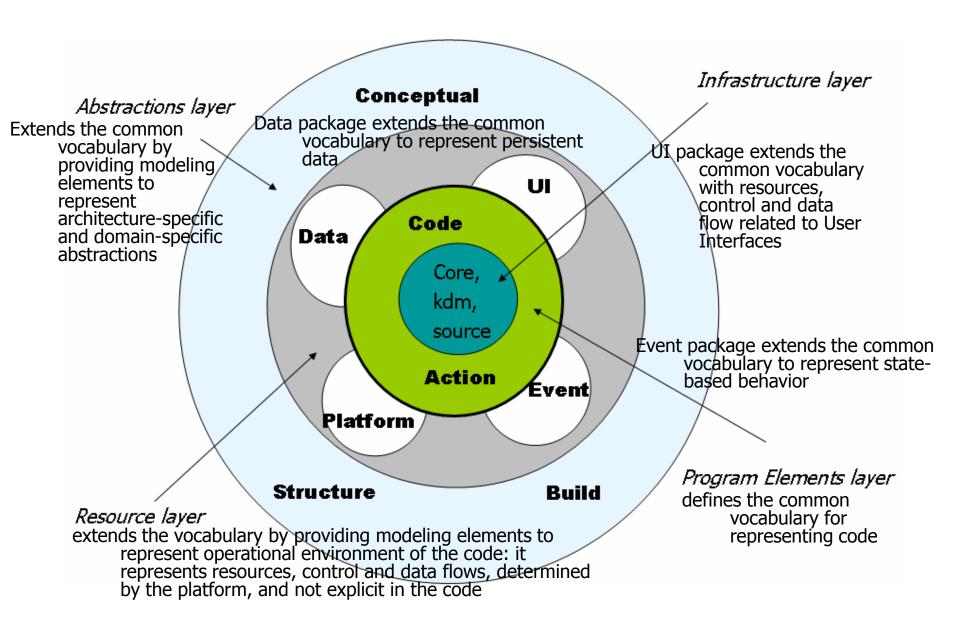


KDM Top model





Knowledge Discovery Metamodel:



Going forward

- Integration of existing vulnerability detection tools and crosscorrelation of their findings with architectural analysis is important for software assurance
- Commercialization through open source
 - Integrate selected open source vulnerability detection tools
 - Open source KDM extraction tools
- TOI Framework protocol is easy to adopt by tool vendors
- Phase II will involve a practical case study
 - Assessment of DNS Bind and Wireshark
- Deliverables:
 - a ready-to-use open source composite vulnerability analyzer integrating 5 existing open source vulnerability detection tools
 - integrating proprietary architecture analysis tool
 - a protocol for exchanging vulnerability findings
 - blueprints for adaptors of the protocol
 - practical usability and accuracy data based on the case study

Potential Benefits

- Powerful open source vulnerability detection platform
- Reference implementation for standard-based adaptors
 - Blue print how to integrate additional analyzers
- Further CWE normalization of vulnerability reports based on the Software Fault Patterns; adoption of SFPs
- Adoption of standard-based reporting of vulnerabilities
- Utilization of open source development to advance the SwA space